Pak-Saudi Arabia pact on Nuclear co-operation

1013. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the secret deal concluded by Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on nuclear co-operation that would provide the Saudis with nuclear weapons technology in exchange of cheap oil;

(b) to what extent this is likely to affect India's security and regional balance; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports regarding an understanding between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia on transfer of nuclear technology in exchange for oil; and denials thereof by Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

(b) and (c) Government carefully monitors such developments and remains committed to taking all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security based on a realistic assessment of the country's security environment.

Indo-Bangla relations

1014. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the points on which the agreement have been arrived at between India and Bangladesh to make the relations from easy to easier;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bharat-Bangladesh Bus services do not give a good experience because of high fare; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL